Year	No.	Particulars of suggestion	Remarks
1101 (*cont.*)	4	Cleaningthe Kakkad tank.	Being done.
	5	Acquiring a house and a well in the southern bazaar.	Acquisition proceedings are being adopted.
	6	Improving the lane near the house of one P. V. Vareed and the lane from Kakkad to Chalathkundi.	Being done.

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APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 160.*)

President's letter.

The Pulaya Colony at Chalakkudi appears to be in a deplorable and neglected condition at present. It seems that the Colony was started by the Government some years ago with the laudable object of bettering the condition of the depressed classes, and that the Government have been spending amounts every year towards its up-keep, etc., with no appreciable good results. With a view to ameliorate the condition of the backward classes in the State, we desire to offer to take up the work of the Colony, if the Government can entrust it to our care and place at our disposal the amounts annually set apart or spent on it, and we hope that we can bring it to a satisfactory condition.

President.—Now questions and answers are over. The next item is the laying on the table of the statement of emergency expenditure by the Finance Member.

Statments laid on the Table

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under

section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation VIII of 1098.

Item	Amount Rs.	Remarks
DEMAND No. 1—Land Revenue. Temporary establishment	1,980	On account of the extension of the term of the temporary establishment for the joint verification of the Palghat-Cochin boundary as also for the entertainment of a staff for the joint verification of the Travancore-Cochin boundary, viz., the Tholen Thodu verification.
Rent, rate, etc.	67	Due to the payment of arrears of rent of the Kurumpilavu and Aranattukara Village Offices, the rent of the building for the Tattamangalam village Office as also the building hired temporarily for holding the Elankunnapuzha Village Office.
DEMAND No. 2—Agriculture. Travelling allowance.	1,500	On account of the increased travell allowance of the staff in connection with the eradication of the cocoanut pest, etc.
DEMAND No. 3—Co-operative. Travelling allowance.	750	On account of the journey of the Registrar of Co-perative Societies and his peon to Bombay to attend the Co-operative Conference, etc.
DEMAND No. 11—Registration	2,653	Of this, a sum of Rs. 2,185 is on account of the actual leave allowance of the officers, Rs. 300 on account of the insufficiency of the provision under travelling allowance, Rs. 100 for service labels, and the balance of Rs. 68 is due to the extension of the term of the Vellarappalli temporary clerk.
DEMAND No. 15—Law and Justice-Civil B. 2. District Court. Travelling allowance.	250	On account of the enhanced number of processes to be served as also the service of process direct from the District Court in urgent cases the allotment of Rs. 1,450 sanctioned in the budget is found insufficient, a sum of Rs. 1,362 having been spent in the first 10 months. Hence the additional allotment.
DEMAND No. 16—Jails.	1,129	The additional expenditure is distributed among Establishment of the Superintendent, duty allowance, good conduct allowance, clothing and bedding, Sub-jail diet and Sub-jail miscellaneous mostly due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Item	Amount Rs.	Remarks
DEMAND No. 16— Jails. Manufacture.	2,500	The budget allotment of Rs. 8,500 under 16 Jails, 3 manufacture was found insufficient for the purchase of raw materials for meeting the demand of the Medical Department for the supply of clothing and bedding. This further allotment is productive of additional revenue.
DEMAND No. 17— Police.	6,881	Soon after the re-organisation of the armed reserve in 1097, the question of supplying the force with modern weapons was engaging the attention of the Government, and the matter was under correspondence with the British Government at the time of framing the budget for the current year. As no definite reply was received then, the expenditure could not be provided in the budget. The Government of India was pleased to comply with the Darbar's request, and a supply of 125 muskets was received. The additional allotment was required to meet the cost of the weapons.
DEMAND No. 27— Public Works. Temporary Establishment.	30	Every year during the last quarter the number of estimates, deviation statements and bills in the drawing and account branches of the Chief Engineer's Office are beyond the scope of the staff, and these used to be checked in time by the temporary help of two or three Section Superintendents. But this year the services of these Superintendents are not available, since, after the re-organisation, 8 out of the reduced number of 18 are doing duty as clerks, and the remaining cannot be called in to the Head Office without prejudice to the works under their charge. Further, the amalgamation of the Mechanical Department has increased the work in both the branches. Hence one computor in the drawing branch for 2 months from Mithunam and a clerk in the account section for 1½ months from 15th Mithunam 1101 on a pay of Rs. 20 each had to be entertained.

President.—Any information in respect of any of these?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I want some information. The section referred to is the section of the Legislative Council Regulation which states that "Notwithstanding anything in this section, Our Government shall have power in cases of emergency to authorise such expenditure as may in the opinion of Our Government be necessary in the interest of Our Government or for the carrying on of any department."

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Rule 52 says: "when any expenditure is incurred by the Government under section 16 (9) of the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation, the Finance Member shall, as soon as may be thereafter, lay on the table of the Council a statement explaining the necessity for the expenditure, but no motion shall be made in regard to the action nor shall that statement be discussed."

I want to know whether, in such cases as have occurred, it was not possible to consult the Standing Finance Committee, whether they were actually consulted, this time, whether the Standing Finance Committee should be consulted, and whether it is the practice to consult them, before sanctioning the expenditure or before the expenditure is actually incurred. I want this information simply because of the big amount of money involved in this statement. I think that, regarding some of these items, the Standing Finance Committee should be consulted, in cases where it is possible to consult them regarding additional expenditure incurred by the Government.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The object of the Finance Committee is to scrutinise the grants earlier so as to facilitate the passing of the same in this House.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I don't wish to raise a discussion on this. That is far from my object. I submit the explanation I wanted is not supplied by this answer.

There is an expenditure under "Police". The amount involved is Rs. 6,881. The explanation given is this: "Soon after the re-organisation of the armed Reserve in 1097, the question of supplying the force with modern weapons was engaging the attention of the Government, and the matter was under correspondence with the British Government at the time of framing the budget for the current year. As no definite reply was received then, the expenditure could not be provided in the budget. The Government of India was pleased to comply with the Darbar's request, and a supply of 125 muskets was received. The additional allotment was required to meet the cost of the weapons."

Now, my question is whether this compliance with the request, and the 125 muskets arrived together. In that case, it is an expenditure incurred under the emergency powers. If not, my point is that there was time enough to consult the Finance Committee or to make a supplementary demand. Because that point was not raised at all in the previous sessions of the Legislative Council, I submit that is no reason for invoking the emergency powers. The emergency power, as I understand it, is different. If there is some riot or flood,

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then, of course, there are the circumstances, under which emergency power could be invoked.

President.—The vote of the Council could not be obtained for meeting this expenditure. It is an expenditure that had to be immediately incurred, and we could not wait till the Council met to consider the demand and then to pass it. The payment was necessitated by the supply of these 125 muskets and the demand for immediate payment. We had no time towait for the Council to meet. Hence it was considered an urgent demand.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—My question is whether the Standing Finance Committee could not be consulted.

President.—Then, we have to call them every time, every time an expenditure has to be incurred. There is more important business to attend to. The only point here is to see whether the expenditure incurred was unnecessary and could have been avoided. That is all that you want to know. Why should we do a thing that is not really necessary ? There is nothing of that sort in this case.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I do not want to scrutinise any of the items of expenditure. This way of using emergency powers will be a bad precedent.

President.—I think it will not be a bad precedent at all.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to know whether you were convinced of the urgency of the expenditure in these 9 cases before us.

President.—He said these are cases in which action had to be taken under section 16 (9) of the Regulation. I went into the matter and agreed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to know whether you were satisfied that they were urgent matters.

President.—Yes. I was satisfied.

Voting of Demands for Grants.—(*contd.*)

Demand IX—Forests - Rs. 1·85 lakhs.—(*contd.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—A point of information, Sir. Yesterday there was a discussion about the figures supplied by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi. I do not know how these figures were given. In page 671 of *the Council Proceedings*, he says he has taken those figures from *the Administration Report*. I have not been able to verify them. If the Conservator of Forests be pleased to correct the mistakes, we will be very glad.

President.—Of course, there is some sort of mystifying the figures. I will be able to tell the Council how the matter stands. For instance, the other day you gave some figures saying that our Tramway and Forest Departments are working profitably, and those figures were given with reference to the year 1102—the

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